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SUBJECT: GUINEA-BISSAU: INSTRUCTION FOR ADOPTION OF UNSC
PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT APRIL 8

11. USUN is instructed to join consensus on the UN Security Council Presidential Statement on the Guinea-Bissau to be adopted on April 8 (para 2). USUN should refer any further substantive changes on the PRST to the Department prior to joining consensus for adoption.

12. Begin text:

The Security Council recalls its previous statements on Guinea-Bissau, and notes the latest report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (S/2009/169). The Council reaffirms its support for the continuing efforts to consolidate peace in that country.

The Security Council welcomes the nomination of M. Raimundo Pereira as the Interim President of Guinea-Bissau and notes with satisfaction the commitment of the new authorities to restore the constitutional order following the assassinations of the President of Guinea-Bissau, Joao Bernardo Vieira and of the Chief of Staff of the Armed forces, Tagme Na Waie, and to deepen national consensus on the transition and the electoral process. It urges all political actors to create the best conditions for the holding of a fair, transparent and credible presidential election on June 28. It welcomes the assistance already provided by bilateral and multilateral partners to support the electoral budget, and calls upon the donors to continue to provide technical and financial assistance for the electoral process.

The Security Council calls on the African Union, the Economic Community of West African States, and the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries to remain seized on the peace and security situation in Guinea-Bissau, and to take appropriate measures to preserve peace and stability in that country, as well as the organization of the presidential elections in a peaceful manner.

The Security Council condemns arbitrary detentions, armed attacks and intimidation of citizens, and calls for the protection of human rights and fundamental freedom of the people of Guinea-Bissau. It urges the Armed Forces leadership to ensure that its commitment to abide by the civilian authorities and respect constitutional order is fully honored.

The Security Council stresses the importance of national reconciliation and the fight against impunity in Guinea-Bissau, and calls on the international community to support the Commission of Inquiry established to investigate on the assassinations of the President and of the Chief of Staff of the Armed forces.

The Security Council reiterates the importance of the security sector reform in Guinea-Bissau, and in this regard, urges the international partners to continue to support the implementation of the quick-impact projects. It welcomes the initiative of CPLP to convene a Donors Roundtable on the coordination and the implementation of the identified projects and programmes of SSR, in Praia, Cap Verde, on 21

April 2009.

The Security Council remains seriously concerned by the growth in drug trafficking, as well as transnational organized crime in Guinea-Bissau and in the subregion. It commends the action of UNODC, DPA/UNOWA, DPKO and INTERPOL and calls upon the international community to continue to support the implementation of the Guinea-Bissau anti-narcotics operational Plan, as well as of the ECOWAS Plan of Action against drug trafficking.

The Security Council calls on the international community to provide timely and adequate support for the implementation of the Strategic Peacebuilding Framework. In this regard, it welcomes the convening of an international Donors Conference, and looks forwards to sustainable mobilization of resources for the economic reconstruction and peace consolidation in Guinea-Bissau.

The Security Council reiterates the importance of the regional dimension in the resolution of the problems faced by Guinea-Bissau and, in this regard, welcomes the role of the African Union, ECOWAS, CPLP, and the European Union in the peace-building process.

The Security Council commends the Representative of the Secretary-General and the staff of UNOGBIS, as well as the United Nations country team, the PBC country-specific configuration on Guinea-Bissau for their contribution to peace, democracy, and the rule of law in Guinea-Bissau.

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